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Sir:

Anne Hawthore Child, an inventor of the above-referenced application declares and says:

1. I, Anne Hawthore Child, declare and say that I am an inventor in the above-referenced application (“the ‘133 application”).

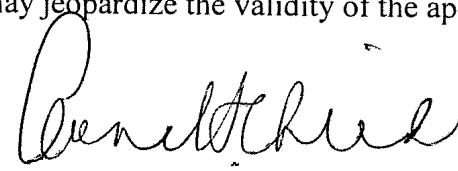
2. I have read and am familiar with the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, and the art cited therein, in particular Science, vol. 295, pages 1077-1079 (8 February 2002) entitled “Adult-Onset Open-Angle Glaucoma Caused by Mutations in Optineurin.” I, with named inventors Mansoor Sarfarazi and Tayebeh Rezaie, are authors of the article and the article is describing our own work. I further declare, that for the purpose of the of the above cited article, the other authors, Roger Hitchings, Glen Brice, Lauri Miller, Miguel Coca-Prados, Elise Heon,

Theodore Krupin, Robert Ritch, Donald Kreutzer and R. Pitts Crick, were working under the direction of Mansoor Sarfarazi.

3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent resulting therefrom.

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